

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 151

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 133

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 151—Relative to grade separation projects.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 151, Matthews. Grade separation projects.

This measure would request the Public Utilities Commission to revise the prioritization formula used to establish the priority list for grade separation projects at the next Order Instituting Investigation to add a factor for delays that disproportionately affect emergency vehicles. The measure would also request the Public Utilities Commission to notify the Assembly Committee on Transportation and the Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing when it has considered this revision.

WHEREAS, The Public Utilities Commission has exclusive power to determine and prescribe the manner of a crossing of a street by a railroad; and

WHEREAS, The commission is required to adopt an annual grade separation priority list for projects that the commission determines to be most urgently in need of grade separation or alteration, determined on the basis of criteria established by the commission; and

WHEREAS, The California Transportation Commission is required to allocate available funding to projects pursuant to the annual priority list; and

WHEREAS, There are significant public safety concerns related to the juxtaposition of railroad crossings to emergency services where railroad traffic can and does adversely affect the delivery of emergency services, particularly in small communities with only one hospital or emergency care facility; and

WHEREAS, The impact of grade separation crossings on emergency services and public safety response time is an important consideration that should be given more weight by the Public Utilities Commission when adopting the annual priority list; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature requests the Public Utilities Commission to revise the prioritization formula used to establish the grade separation priority list at the next Order Instituting Investigation to add a factor for delays that disproportionately affect emergency vehicles, especially in rural areas; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature requests the Public Utilities Commission to notify the Assembly Committee on Transportation and the Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing when it has considered the revision described in this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Public Utilities Commission and to the author for appropriate distribution.